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THE ONTARIO ASSESSMENT ACT.

Considerable interest is felt in British Columbia in the Assessment Act of last session, the main object of which was to increase the revenue which would bear more or less uniformly upon all classes of the community. Whether the Act will have fulfilled expectations or not will be better understood when the Legislature meets, when we shall expect to have a report of its operations during the present fiscal year.

In Ontario a new Assessment Act comes into force, in accordance with the recommendations of the Ontario Assessment Commission, on January 1 next. We are indebted to the St. John Daily Telegraph for a synopsis of the provisions of this Act. Our contemporary has taken special interest in the matter, because a commission to revise the assessment laws is in contemplation in New Brunswick as well.

The new act provides for grouping together real estate, income, and business valuation for assessment at one rate, probably about 1.80 or 1.90, but the assessment apparently not covering expenditures for schools or for local improvements. There is to be no poll tax, house tax or personal property tax, except on income.

The usual real estate exemptions are provided for, but there is no mention of any widow's exemption. An exemption of \$1,000 (at present it is \$700), will be made from income received from personal services, except in the case of non-residents.

From income from personal property there will be no exemption, except that the business tax is considered as an income tax, so that it will be assessed, except such portion as may be in excess of the business valuation. Income from real estate will be exempt, but not the income from mortgages.

The business tax is based on the value of real estate occupied, but not one rate on all kinds of business as in the main in use in Montreal (where it is 7 1/2 per cent. on rental values, supplemented by lump sum taxes and licenses; insurance companies, \$100 to \$400; bankers, \$400 to \$600, etc.), nor quite the same as in Winnipeg, where the valuation is varied in a different manner for the different kinds of business, and are also modified by floor space values.

The plan for Ontario cities is to take for assessment 25 per cent. to 150 per cent. of the value of real estate occupied, with a minimum of \$250 valuation, or with a minimum of \$5 tax, so that small businesses will not be exempted. The 150 per cent. valuation is for distillers only.

Wholesalers, banks, insurance companies and others, are placed at 75 per cent. valuation, which is equal to about 14 per cent. of rental.

Manufacturers will pay on 60 per cent., which equals about 11 per cent. of rental, and their fixed machinery is to be exempted in their real estate assessment.

Retailers, lawyers, physicians and non-enumerated will pay on 25 per cent., equal to about 5 per cent. of rental. Incorporated companies, including banks, apparently will be assessed on income in excess of their business taxes, and such income will be exempted. Special taxes are assessed on individuals, telephone and telegraph companies, rated on their gross earnings. The incomes (over \$1,000) of judges and others in the civil service are assessed, except those of the Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor.

AFFAIRS IN RHODESIA.

Prospects in Rhodesia are not of the brightest and it looks very much as though the Imperial Government would have to take it off the Chartered Company's hands, something the Imperial Government does not seem at all anxious to do. The last annual meeting of shareholders could not be regarded altogether as a happy family. The prospects of dividends are still far in the future. That always creates trouble in the financial household. Efforts have been made to bring about successful negotiations between the settlers and the company, which so far have proved abortive. The unsatisfactory conditions which gave rise to those negotiations were traced by the Duke of Aberdeen, chairman of the meeting, to two causes, the lack of native labor, which had been regarding the mining industry; and the refusal of the Imperial Government to sanction the proposed 12 but tax, similar to what is imposed in the Transvaal. In regard to the first, the chairman was undoubtedly paying the way for the admission of Chinamen under conditions similar to those in the Transvaal, where from a cheap labor point of view the experiment has proved a success. The probability of making dividends for the company depends on the mines, and as yet there is no sign of any mining industry in Rhodesia is not a settled one as it is in the Rand. It has also been greatly handicapped by the mining boom of a few years ago, during which companies were largely overcapitalized and thus prevented from ever earning dividends.

The relations between the settlers and the Chartered Company are anything but satisfactory. There was a scheme of reorganization based on the principle that the people of Rhodesia had incurred a debt to the Chartered Company. That it is to say, they are liable for the administrative deficits of the past, which amount to £8,000,000. It was proposed to fund this debt, £5,000,000 as a private fund and £3,000,000 set aside for the development of the country. The people very naturally objected to this. For one reason it would impose a burden of taxation beyond their ability to pay. In other words, about £700 per head. For another, the Chartered Company has been responsible for the expenditure of the money—not always too wisely—in the past. The people had nothing to say in it, and object now to be saddled with it. It is true, as is pointed out, that the Chartered Company opened the country up with railways and roads, but it is also true that the settlers have had to pay exorbitant railway rates, which has made remunerative business an impossibility. It seems to us that, at this late date, with the experience of the East Indian Company, the Hudson's Bay Company and other chartered companies in view, that any large community would not be attempted to be governed by a private corporation. The Chartered Company of South Africa, under the guiding hand of Rhodes, performed a mission of great political importance, but as a business corporation it seems bound to a failure, and the sooner it passes into Imperial control the better. In fact, there does not seem to be anybody able to take the place of Cecil Rhodes in the direction of its affairs. It is doubtful if Rhodes, now living, is doing the country through its difficulties.

MEETING OF THE ZEMSTVO.

The progressive element in Russia is taking advantage of the situation to press home on the Czar a number of reforms. One factor favorable to those who desire to advocate certain radical changes is the war. The Russian government at this crisis cannot afford to quarrel with many of its best citizens. Another factor is the appointment of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky as Minister of the Interior, which, of course, followed upon a series of events, the result of the war. The assassination of the Governor of Finland, which was followed by that of Plehve, the predecessor of the present Minister of the Interior, opened the eyes of the Czar to some of the natural effects of restriction and repression in Russia. Coincident with this was the general disappointment and reactionary feeling experienced over the continued and serious reverses of the Russian armies in Manchuria received at the hands of a despised enemy. The whole reactionary and bureaucratic faction came into disfavor. Plehve, who was removed by the hand of the assassin, Alexieff, whose recall from the East is interpreted as his disgrace, and Polidonosoff, Chief Procurator of the Holy Synod, were the leaders of that faction. Owing to their secret and inquisitorial methods anything like free expression of public opinion or political organization opposed to present methods was rendered impossible, or extremely dangerous. The latter is the only one left and by virtue of his position is still dangerous.

The first official symptom of the reaction against such methods was the appointment of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky to the Ministry of the Interior in place of Plehve, deceased, which represented the saving of the pendulum from one extreme to the other. His administration was at once signalized by the removal of restrictions from the newspapers—the recognition of the rights of a free press—with the result that we have been surprised by the tone of some of the newspapers relieved from the weight of censorship. In addition to that the new Minister restored to the Zemstvo, or provincial assembly, described as "the traditional organ of Russian opinion," the ancient liberty of free expression and expression. Not only that, but a council of the presidents of the Zemstvos was called and held, with the authorization of the new Minister of the Interior, to take and give counsel concerning the condition of Russia.

Some inkling of the proceedings of this council has been given to the press the past few days, and has been the subject of much comment. The resolution in full, as passed, have not been given to the world, but the final resolution, the text of which appeared in Wednesday's Colonist, freely interpreted, asks for representative government in Russia. In view of the traditions of Czarism, no wonder that the world is excited over such an abrupt demand, and no wonder that it is hinted that the Minister of the Interior will present this resolution at the risk of his office. Other resolutions were passed, which will be presented separately, asking for various reforms in existing administration.

This action will place the Czar in a quandary. The Zemstvos, as stated by one of the members, represents the best blood of the Empire. They are not revolutionists. They are truly loyal; but they want a constitutional monarchy and they want the Czar to give it of his own free will. Doubtless, if such a conference had been held two years ago, every man jack of the monarchs would have incurred the severe displeasure of the Court in some way, if indeed, they would not have gone to Siberia. Today, as already remarked, the Czar cannot afford to quarrel with such subjects. Nor is the lack of the new Minister of the Interior less onerous. He has powerful enemies to fight. Systems like the one which they represent do not fall to pieces readily. They die hard.

The Zemstvo, by the way, is a deliberative assembly elected by three classes of voters in each district—proprietors, burghers and inhabitants of rural communities, who are 25 years of age and possess a certain amount of property, or who are engaged in business of a certain amount of importance. Members of the district assemblies are chosen for three years and receive no compensation. The duties of the Zemstvo include the maintenance of public works, administration of charity, public health, public education and other matters of local concern. In a sense, therefore, the Zemstvo is the most representative of a country of unrepresentative institutions. It is the only body in which there are altogether, but as in each of the eighteen governments of Russia there are from five to fifteen Zemstvos, there must be considerably over 100 in all. Most of them were represented at the recent meeting at St. Petersburg, and the significance of the gathering can be best understood by a knowledge of these facts. If Russia is not on the eve of a great revolution, it is evidently on the verge of a great change.

THE ORIENTAL FLOUR TRADE.

For some time the prospects of our Western wheat fields participating in the Oriental flour trade have been discussed. Some years ago representatives of the Ogilvie Milling Company came to Vancouver with a view to establishing mills and elevators there. They looked the ground over, but decided not to go on with the enterprise. Whether the market then was not large enough to warrant the expenditure involved, or the distance to haul the wheat too great to enable them to compete with the Pacific coast mills, we do not know. Probably the latter. Recently a trade over the C. P. R. has sprung up, flour from Edmonton and the more westerly part of the prairies being routed through to Japan, by the C. P. R. steamers. The Northwest is peculiarly well adapted to supply the needs of the Orient. The wheat is hard, and, therefore, superior in quality to the wheats of Washington, Oregon and California. In Japan the people are changing from rice to wheat, and are using the latter for various culinary purposes. They also use the cheapest quality of wheat flour for making paste, which they utilize in the manufacture of fans, screens, etc. The present war, unfortunately in many other respects, is fortunate in increasing the demand for our flour products and opening up a market in Japan. The following table showing our exports to that country is encouraging:

Exports to Japan	Pounds.
1901	81,157,485
1902	96,387,477
1903	279,413,953
When the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific shall have reached the Coast, the wheat fields of the Northwest will be brought more directly in connection with the Oriental markets, and then we may confidently look forward to seeing large elevators and flour mills being erected at the terminus, wherever those may be, and the building up of a large industry similar to what exists at Tacoma and Portland.	

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The potato crop in the most producing States—Wisconsin, Michigan and New York—has been affected by the potato rot, but the potato crop for the whole of the United States is the best in years, approximating 288,700,000 bushels. In the States named it is greater by 24,000,000 bushels than it was last year. In British Columbia it is quite the reverse, the crop is the poorest in years and very high prices are expected to be realized.

It is stated in a press despatch in one of the Eastern papers that during the past season there has been an increase of 150 per cent. in the number of colonists that have been placed in the district north of Montreal, the Metropolis and the Lake St. John districts. There were quite a large percentage of French-Canadians who have returned from the New England States, and many were sons of farmers in the older townships. Over 2,000 have been located during the year. In addition, it is stated, a number went to the Canadian West. We believe the average French-Canadian prefers Canadian institutions to those of the United States.

From a report of the Inspector of Insurance for Ontario, and Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion, some interesting facts are gleaned. There are 56 companies licensed by the Dominion—eight United States, nine Canadian, nineteen British. In 1903 they all carried insurance amounting to \$95,247,761. Divided as follows: United States, \$136,650,121; Canadian, \$216,505,000; British, \$580,718,455. There are 81 mutual companies in Ontario, carrying \$122,146,914. From 1893 to 1903 the losses of Dominion companies have amounted to 65.90 per cent. of the premium income. For 1903 they amounted to 61.57 per cent. The average rate of premium has increased from \$1.23 per \$100 in 1890 to \$1.50 in 1903.

A San Francisco paper is calling upon the United States Government to conserve the forests of Alaska. It points out that lumbermen are looking for new fields to invade, and will soon turn their eyes to the rich and extensive timber of the northern coast. At present the exportation of lumber is forbidden, but the paper in question says, as soon as the embargo is removed, the lumberman will denude the coast line and adjacent islands as quickly and as completely of timber as has been done in the forest lands of Lake Superior. It observes: "The forests of Alaska are now in their virgin condition, and this is the time to adopt a policy which will prevent in their case a repetition of the experience had with other forest lands in the public domain."

A POLITICAL COMPROMISE.

Portland Oregonian.
Debs got something less than 1,000,000 votes; and Watson points with pride to 200,000 cast for him. But what of it? The Socialists may thus think his cause is growing, and the Populist that he has been received. But the truth is that both Debs and Watson were vastly benefited by Democrats who would not have Parker and did not vote for Roosevelt.

SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

The Ambition (Ala.) pursues a wise (Dem.).
If Mr. Roosevelt insists a hard and conservative policy toward the South during the remainder of his administration, thousands and thousands of white people will declare political independence from him, and party allegiance. Political sentimentality in the South received almost a death blow on last Tuesday, and in the future hundreds of thousands of good

white people in the South will vote for the best and purest men, no matter whether dubbed Democrats, Republicans, Populists, or Prohibitionists. The people in the Northern and Western States go to politics in a businesslike way. They vote the ticket which promises the best returns in business and prosperity to the country. This is evidenced by the unprecedented vote for Roosevelt. The people, regardless of past party affiliations, were not willing to make a change and thus probably disturb the fair existing business conditions. To carry on the past campaign of intelligence in the doubtful states, it is asserted that the two parties expended at least \$30,000,000. Not a cent of this immense amount of money comes to the South, and it will never come as long as the South boasts that it is politically solid.

TO VISITORS IN TOKIO.

St. James' Gazette.
The following notice was posted up recently in an art exhibition in Tokio, Japan: "No visitor who is mad or intoxicated is allowed to enter in; if any person found in such a condition, the police will be allowed to carry in with him, and he will be placed in a cell, and the like kind, except his purse, and is strictly forbidden to touch anything in the gallery, or the same kind of beasts. Visitor is requested to take care of himself from thence."

POLITICAL ISOLATION OF THE SOUTH.

Clark Howell in Atlanta Constitution.
The South is intellectually isolated, politically marooned, immersed in one local issue, excluded from the larger life of the nation, turned into itself and placed with its back toward the future. It can give the rest of the country no aid in the solution of the questions which will make the future what it is to be. Is a Southerner an efficient citizen? Does he resent the plutocratic abduction of the Democratic party? Does he know that Parker was manufactured by New York financial interests? Still he must vote the Democratic ticket. He cannot trust himself to a party synonym in his mind with pro-ignominious interference.

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White Cooking Figs, 3 lbs. for	25c.
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LOCAL NEWS.

Fernwood Dance.—This evening at the Fernwood Athletic Association rooms, Spring Ridge, a dance will be held. A fine musical programme is promised.

Esquimalt Assault Case.—The hearing of the charge against Jaspur, Streck and Wirth of assaulting Conductor MacLeod on an Esquimalt car will be resumed in the provincial court today.

Marine School.—Notification is given by the marine and fisheries department that the marine school will be started again on December 2nd. Another course of free lectures will be given those interested in nautical affairs, in the room adjoining the agent's office in the old customs house on Wharf street.

November Roses.—Charles W. West, writing from Willow Point ranch, West Arm, near Nelson, B. C., under date of November 20, sends the Colonial bunches of roses of two or three varieties, well formed and with full fragrance, which were grown in the open without any protection.

Land Inquiries.—Many inquiries respecting available land in Bulkley valley and the northern portion of the province are reaching the bureau of information. Quite a number of these inquiries ask for information concerning ranching land. Unfortunately the department is not in the possession of as much information as would be desired with respect to this northern section. That available is being given out in answer to the demand, however.

Cheap Coast Rates.—With the object of inducing residents of the Northwest to take advantage of the cheap rates to the coast during December and January Secretary Chubbuck announces that picture cards containing details of the transportation arrangements have been prepared and will be distributed among the Territories or Manitoba. Anyone calling at the Territories Association rooms, Fort street, will receive these cards.

Christian Science Lecture.—Those who enjoy a good lecture on a good subject need go to the Victoria Theatre Tuesday evening, the 29th, and hear Richard Young, of Chicago, speak on Christian Science. The things he will treat are of those that touch all men nearly, whether they believe in Christian Science or any other religion. He has the reputation of being a good speaker, one who knows his subject from experience, and an interesting evening is promised all who attend. All seats are free.

Catholic Ladies' Bazaar.—Institute hall presents a lively scene during these days. The fact that the Catholic ladies are preparing for a bazaar explains the stir. The ladies in charge of the bazaar this year are determined to surpass any efforts made in the past on similar occasions. The coming bazaar promises to be an exceptionally good one. The articles that will be offered for sale and raffle are costly and judiciously selected. The most valuable among them all is an antique French clock, valued at \$200. The bazaar will open next Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Court Judgments.—Among the recent judgments of the Full court, sitting at Vancouver, are the following: Scott vs. Forde.—Mr. Justice Duff read the unanimous judgment of the court dismissing the appeal, with costs. Dochstetter vs. Clark.—The appeal was dismissed, with costs. Mr. Justice Martin dissenting. King vs. Wilson.—Mr. Justice Martin delivered the unanimous judgment of the court, which was to the effect that plaintiff should have an opportunity of amending his statement of claim, and that if said statement of claim was amended within one week, a new trial would be ordered, defendant to have the costs of the first trial and of the appeal. If this statement of claim is not so amended within one week, the appeal is allowed, with costs.

Cement Works.—The transfer George, in town of the Mystery, arrived at 10 a. m. on Friday morning with eight more cars loaded with machinery for the cement works, making so far twenty-five cars to date. Some idea of the capacity of the works may be had on seeing the immense size of some of the pieces now on the cars, one especially the rotary kiln, which is eight feet in diameter and seventy-two feet long, weighing forty-five tons, requiring two cars to carry it. Everything is being rushed to get the plant in working order. The Hinton Company have just completed the wiring of the buildings. They will be lit up for the first time Tuesday night, which will enable the company to carry on any night work found necessary.

Scotch Concert.—At A. O. U. W. hall on St. Andrew's night members of St. Columba church, Oak Bay, will give a grand Scotch feast between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 o'clock.

Women's Auxiliary.—The members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital, who are able to do so are invited to attend the meeting, to be held at the hospital this afternoon at half-past two o'clock for sewing.

Comox Prosperous.—L. A. Mounce, ex-M. P., Comox, who is now in the city, a guest at the Kent Hotel, has announced that there has been a great demand for the new high-grade coal at the Comox mines, and it is difficult to meet the demand with what is being mined now. The year has been a good one for the colliery and the effect is necessarily felt on the general business.

Mr. Finn Discharged.—Colonel Hall stated yesterday that J. M. Finn had been granted his discharge from the Fifth Regiment. Mr. Finn intends to get up a minstrel show in order to pay off some of the indebtedness of the trip to St. Louis. He said yesterday that if Victoria wanted him, he would remain in the city and organize a civilian band; if not he would go to Vancouver. In any event he will remain in Victoria until next spring.

A Calgary Visitor.—A guest at the Driad is W. H. Cushing, who is prominently identified with municipal and commercial affairs of Calgary, being president of the Board of Trade of that town. Yesterday morning he called upon Mayor Barnard, and evidenced a deep interest in local municipal matters. He is much impressed with the strides Victoria has made in street, sewer and other improvements, and expresses the intention of introducing some of the methods adopted here for the consideration of the authorities of Calgary.

Narrow Escape.—Bisney, the high diver, had a narrow escape from instantaneous death yesterday afternoon. Contrary to the advice of his manager, he insisted on going through his performance, although the strong wind made it even more dangerous than usual. He was unable to control himself while diving and struck the water on his left side. If he had not been taken out of the tank, he would have been drowned for the shock made him helpless. He recovered completely in about an hour, and went through his evening performance at the Grand theatre as if nothing unusual had occurred.

OBITUARY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. P. A. Astreco took place yesterday morning from the residence, 252 Yates street, at 9 o'clock, and at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 9:15. Rev. Canon Smith presided, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Father Esser at the church and grave. There was a very large attendance of friends, and many beautiful floral tributes. The deceased acted as pallbearers: E. Radzgar, L. G. McQuade, T. Geiger, Sr., M. Sweeney, M. McTiernan and M. Bantley.

Mr. Justice Newlands, of the Northwest Territories, arrived last evening to attend the funeral of his wife, who died last Monday morning at the residence, No. 51 South Turner street, which takes place on Saturday at 2 p. m. from the above address, the Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiating.

HALF-YEARLY INSPECTION.

Arms and Accoutrements Examined.—The Band Question.

The semi-annual inspection of the arms and accoutrements of the Fifth Regiment was made yesterday afternoon by Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., and Lieut. Colonel Hall. The result of the inspection was satisfactory, and Colonel Holmes expressed particular approval of the company, whose belongings were found absolutely complete as well as in good order.

Colonel Hall informs the Colonialist that nothing is definitely decided yet in regard to the regimental band. The cost of the band is a serious matter to the officers and some of them say they can hardly afford their share of this expense. Colonel Hall, however, entertains a hope that some arrangements will be made with the City Council whereby a civic subsidy might be obtained towards the cost of the band, whose services are of value to the city.

PUGET SOUND SHIPPING.

More Lumber Carriers.—Schooner's Hard Fight at Sea.

Port Townsend, Nov. 24.—The American schooner Alpena, Captain Birkholm, arrived in port last night in tow of the tug Wyadla, after a voyage of twenty-two days from Honolulu. She probably had a cargo of lumber from one of the Sound mills and proceeded to her destination very shortly.

The schooner M. Turner, Captain W. Tregner, commanding, arrived in port yesterday morning after a voyage of twenty-two days from Honolulu. She probably had a cargo of lumber from one of the Sound mills and proceeded to her destination very shortly.

The German bark Berlin went to sea last night in tow of the tug Sea Lion bound for Port Natal with a cargo of lumber loaded at Port Gambie.

THE CUMBERLAND FIRE.

Details of Accident Which Threatened Island Coal Mine.

Respecting the coal mine fire at Cumberland on Friday morning, the Enterprise of that town says: "The fire was discovered by Fire Boss Nellis, who immediately gave the alarm and in a short time all the men working, with the exception of those who stopped to fight the fire, were safe on the surface."

Considerable difficulty was encountered in getting the fire out, which, owing to the dryness of the place, was a roaring mass of flame in a few minutes, while the travelling ways were rapidly filling with dense smoke, but through the energetic efforts of Inspector Shepherd, Manager Matthews and Overman Short, who arrived on the scene immediately, a large force of volunteers were put to work systematically to fight the fire and after a gallant struggle, but the satisfaction of knowing it was confined to one place. More men were added during the night, and all worked like beavers in their endeavor to extinguish the flames, which was finally accomplished.

"Great praise is due all who worked so nobly in extinguishing the fire, and also the able manner in which the officers of the company dealt with the emergency."

"No. 4 slope is one of the best mines on the Pacific coast, and it would have been a very serious matter, not only to the Western Coal Company, but to the people of Cumberland and vicinity as well, had the fire got beyond control."

Work was resumed on Monday at the mine.

H. H. Abbott, 80 Government street, is the man to see before purchasing your tickets to the Old Country. He is agent for all lines.

The photographs which were so highly commended at Tacoma, and won two first prizes at the recent Westminster exhibition, are on view now at Savanah's entrance, Port street, Five Sisters' block.

Artist material at Hibben's.

GIRL GUILTY OF STEALING CLOTHES

Is Allowed out on Suspended Sentence—Other Business in Police Court.

Annie Stockand, seventeen years of age, was brought up in the Police court yesterday charged with stealing some valuable household goods from the home of Mrs. Alvina Smith, in whose house she boarded. The girl is from the country. She was convicted but allowed out on suspended sentence.

The terms of the charge against Mrs. J. J. Cowgill of neglecting her children, a little boy and a girl of about ten years of age, was adjourned until Monday next. Mrs. Cowgill being unable to attend the court yesterday, Mrs. Cowgill is a nurse, and it is alleged against her that while she is away from home the children are allowed to run wild.

Wm. John Carr, charged with common assault, was remanded until Monday. This case is the result of a quarrel between two carpenters who live in the same boarding house. Carr was charged with a difference on the subject of certain work done by the accused.

Some evidence was taken in a Chinese assault case, arising from a quarrel between Wall and Wong Chue, in which the latter is supposed to have got the worst of it. The case was not concluded yesterday.

THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The music-lovers of Victoria who are looking forward to the big musical festival which is being held here next spring with interest the following article, which appears in the current number of The Rapid Review on the musical festivals in England.

The repeated presence of these old classics, the "Messiah" and the "Elijah" on the programmes of the Leeds and Gloucester musical festivals leads one to reflect on the composition of the English musical festival, whether it is a benefit to the music of the country or not.

The choral festival is a celebration peculiar to England, and the object of its existence is, to foreign lovers of music, naturally somewhat of a mystery. Musical festivals are held at several cities and important towns in the country, such as Sheffield, Leeds, Cardiff, Bristol, Birmingham, and Norwich, besides the festivals of the Three Choirs, held alternately at Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester. Besides these there are others of lesser note.

The arranging of a musical festival varies hardly at all. From a large body of stewards, the musical festival is chosen a small executive committee, with sub-committees, whose duty is to formulate the programme, engage the performers, and transact all the financial affairs incident with the festival. As far as the financial business is concerned, and the choice of the soloists, little fault can be found with the festival committees. We are fortunate enough to possess at the present time such magnificent vocalists as Ella Russell, Clara Butt, Muriel Foster, Plunket Greene, and Frankton Davies, who can sustain the parts allotted to them as admirably as can be desired. Good conductors are engaged, both native and foreign, and the choirs can hold their own against all comers. It is doubted whether the world can produce a finer choir than the Sheffield Chorus.

So much for the executives. The programme consists usually of—varies hardly at all with the different festivals—two or three classic oratorios, one or two modern oratorios, some selections, probably from classic chorals, an orchestral work, and an invited or commissioned cantata or oratorio from a living native composer. This programme usually occupies four days, and, for the most part, it played in the cathedral.

Now, the objections to this universally adopted system are many. There is no variety in the programme. The audience is bound to hear the "Elijah" and the "Messiah," magnificent and noble works, but too much overdone. These two oratorios are put on simply and solely because they are the traditional favourites of the festival. They will fill the cathedral and hand over to the festival fund a profitable sum. The festivals are choral festivals, and choral music is practically the national music of this country. It is in the country, that so little music should be played from the long list of noble works to be had. Of these mention need be made alone of the works of such composers as Purcell, Orlando Gibbons, William Byrd, Tallis, and the elder Wesley, whose names seldom, if ever, appear on the programmes of our English festivals.

A new work, as we mentioned before, is invited from the pen of a modern native composer. Such an invitation is in the form of a commission, and the result is unsatisfactory. The composer, knowing the requirements of the festival committees, feels himself bound down to a particular form that has found favor for so many years. The result is a work that is not spontaneous, and lacks inspiration.

The question is raised not infrequently as to whether the musical festival serves its definite purpose. Undoubtedly it does. The general public has an opportunity of hearing great composers of the past, classic works that must live for ever, sung by the choirs and the best soloists in the country. Local amateurs are encouraged to join the choirs, and choral music gains immensely by the frequent performances. Principally, it is the only chance for native composers to show their work to the public. The net result is, on the whole, satisfactory to public and performers.

WEST COAST MINING.

Work Progressing on the Cascade Copper Claim at Chukcheist.

The tunnel which is being driven on the Cascade Copper Mining Company's property, Chukcheist harbor, Alberni canal, was in 57 feet on the 10th inst., and the last two feet are in ore.

This tunnel is driven to tap the ore body at a lower level than connect with the first and second levels. It will be completed, and the future operations devoted to the extraction of ore for another shipment.

There are several promising mineral claims on the range of mountains extending from Handy creek, Alberni canal, to Slugs bank, Chukcheist harbor, but comparatively few of them have been developed. One owing to lack of capital, and another because a movement is being made to consolidate many of the properties into one company, have been left undeveloped.

Good outcrops of ore have been found on Northern Cross, Sancy Lass, Iron Cap, Slugs bank, and Mt. groups. The properties are situated on or in close proximity to deep tidal water, and possess all mining facilities necessary, water, water power, timber, etc. The contour of the mountain is such that some portions of these groups are upwards of 2,000 feet above sea-level.

The properties are taken up by a powerful company and developed under good practical management, it will add new life to mining on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The latest society fad is the pretty little teapot in fifteen different shapes and sizes and of most unique designs, and the Western Coal Company has decided the fad of the day for Christmas presents. Call at Clay's Confectionery, 230 Fort street, and examine them.

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Very few changes of importance are to be noted in the quotations prevailing in the retail markets this week. Sugar has advanced, retelling now at an advance of 25c. per hundred over quotations of last week. A great scarcity of fresh ranch eggs is to be mentioned, the prime quality selling at 60c. per dozen. Butter is weak, the grades, as mentioned last week, falling at 20c. per lb., this including the local creameries. The quotations follow:

Corn, cracked, per ton	\$30
Corn, whole, per ton	\$32
Corn, white, per ton	\$32
Oats, per ton	\$23
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	40
Roller oats, B. & K., per lb.	5
Roller oats, B. & K., per 7-lb. sack	\$6.50
Hungarian, per sack	\$1.75
Pastry Flour—	
Super, per sack	\$1.55
Snowflake, per sack	\$1.55
Three Star, per sack	\$1.55
Three Star, per sack	\$1.55
Drifted Snow, per sack	\$1.55
Feed—	
Hay, Island, per ton	\$16.00
Hay, B. C., per ton	\$14.00
Straw, per ton	\$7.00
Wheat, per ton	\$37.00
Midlings, per ton	\$26.00
Barley, per ton	\$25.00
Ground feed, per ton	\$28 to \$30
Vegetables—	
Cabbage, per 10	84
Cauliflower, per head	5
Tomatoes, per lb.	25
Cucumbers, per doz.	25
Corn, 6 lbs.	25
Carrots, per lb.	1 1/2
Beet root, per lb.	10
New potatoes, per 100 lbs.	\$1.00
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per doz.	25
Manitoba, per doz.	25
Fresh cream, per pint	25
Cheese—	
Best Ontario Cheese, per lb.	20
California cheese, per lb.	25
Canadian, per lb.	25
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	25
Victoria creamery, per lb.	25
Cowichan creamery, per lb.	25
Delta, per lb.	25
Pratt Island, per lb.	25
Fruit—	
Apples (Island), per box	\$1.00
Pears, per box	\$1.00
Plums, per box	\$1.00
Muskmelons, each	12
Currents, per lb.	10
Cooking figs	10
Valencia raisins	10
Lemons, California, per doz.	25
Coconuts, each	10
New dates	12 1/2
Beans, per lb.	10
New cleaned currants, 3 lbs. for	25
Best Sultanina	25
Table raisins	25 to 30
Bananas, per lb.	25 to 30
Oranges, per dozen	25 to 40
Poultry—	
Dressed fowls	20 to 25
Smoked salmon, per lb.	15
Spring salmon, per lb.	10
Salmon, per lb.	10
Smoked Halibut, per lb.	12 1/2
Halibut, frozen	6
Finan Haddock, per lb.	10
Crabs, per doz.	50
Salt mackerel, each	12 1/2
Salmon, per lb.	10
Salt tongues and rounds, per lb.	10
Hot Holland herring, per doz.	10
Salt salmon, each	10
Salmon bellies, per lb.	10
Meats—	
Mutton, per lb.	10 to 15
Hams, American, per lb.	22
Bacon, American, per lb.	22 to 25
Bacon, rolled	10 to 15
Pork, per lb.	10 to 15
Corn Oil—	
Pratt's coal oil	\$1.50
Eocene oil	\$1.00

WHOLESALE PURCHASING PRICES.		
(Corrected by Sylvester Feed Co.)		
The following prices are offered to the producer by the local dealers for delivery on wharf or in car, and are subject to change without notice. In the case of wheat, the supply is very scarce, and the dealers are offering \$35 per ton, which is an advance of \$9 per ton over that of last year at the same time:		
Hay (Pratt Island), per ton	\$14 and \$14	
Hay (Island), per ton	\$14 and \$14	
Straw, per ton	\$10.00	
Oats, per ton	\$25 and \$26	
Barley, per ton	\$25 and \$26	
Wheat, per ton	\$35.00	
Onions, per 100 lbs.	\$1.75	
Carrots, per ton	\$10.00	

MONEY MARKETS.		
London, Nov. 24—Consols for money		
8 1/2, for account 88.		
THE WEATHER.		
Meteorological Office, Victoria, Nov. 24—5 p. m.		
SYNOPSIS.		
An ocean storm area is slowly moving down the coast, bringing a easterly gale from Vancouver Island to the mouth of the Columbia river, and rain is general west of the Cascades. The weather has been quite wintry over the northern portion of the province, and also in the Territories. Four inches of snow has fallen in Manitoba.		
TEMPERATURE.		
	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	45
New Westminster	32	44
Kamloops	26	34
Ponchartraine	0	34
Port Simpson	0	42
Dawson, Y. T.	-18	-8
Calgary, Alta.	0	6
Winnipeg, Man.	24	30
Portland, Ore.	40	50
San Francisco, Cal.	52	62

FORECASTS.		
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time)		
Friday:		
Wind and velocity: Winds mostly easterly and southerly; unsettled, with occasional rains; stationary or higher temperature.		
Lower Mainland: Unsettled, with rain; stationary or higher temperature.		
Report of the Victoria Daily Record: Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24.		
5 a. m.	42	Mean 45
Noon.	44	Highest 45
5 p. m.	43	Lowest 40
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a. m.	6 miles north.	
Noon.	12 miles north.	
5 p. m.	10 miles north.	
Average state of weather—Showery.		
Barometer at noon—Observed—29.916		
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected—29.953		

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NARROW ESCAPE OF CREW.
Launch Mocking Bird Is Wrecked in Storm Near Blaine.
A special despatch to the Tacoma Ledger from Blaine, Wash., states that one of the most miraculous escapes yet recorded is that of the crew of the gasoline launch Mocking Bird, which was wrecked in the storm Monday night. The Mocking Bird was engaged in towing logs to this port. Some distance from here she was caught in a terrific gale. The little craft, with her heavy tonnage, found herself in a dangerous position. Before she could get to shelter the waves swamped her and the crew were compelled to leap into the water to save themselves.

TO BOOM CANADA AND MEXICO.
A. W. Kerr, representing the Montreal Daily Herald, arrived in the city a few days ago for the purpose of getting out a trade edition of the paper for Mexican and Canadian distribution. He is endeavoring to have the "Canadian Herald" published in his venture, and it is said that the club has the matter under advisement. Mr. Kerr went to Chetumal yesterday, but he expects to return to the city in a day or two—Mexican Herald, Mexico City.

BATTLES WITH ELEMENTS.
San Francisco, Nov. 21.—The whaling schooner Charles Nelson has arrived from the Arctic with 2,200 pounds of bone. She was caught in the ice of Point Barrow on September 3 and carried away her stern and forefoot and lost her blubber in a gale off Cape Flattery on October 29. She brought to this port H. Meyer, who sailed from here last May in the schooner Stanley, and while out in a dory of Chinawick Island with two companions, got separated from the vessel owing to a dense fog. After five days of drifting, they were rescued by Dutch Harbor. Another boat in which two men were still missing, so far as Meyer knows.

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Arrival Of The Steamer Moana

The Canadian-Australian Liner
Reaches Outer Wharf Yesterday Morning.

Accident to Cableship Burnside in Seymour Narrows Fully Explained.

Early yesterday morning R. M. S. Moana, 4,000 tons, Captain John Gibb, came up from quarantine where she had been lying since the previous evening, and tied up at the outer wharf after her run from the antipodean ports, having left Sydney, N. S. W., October 31st. The officers reported a pleasant and uneventful voyage all the way out to Cape Flattery, where a bit of a breeze made things a little livelier. On this trip the Moana called at Fanning island, and which is fully 200 miles out of the Canada-Australian course. Every year from this time the steamer of this line will make six calls at Fanning, on the northbound trip only. Fanning island was prominently before the public some time ago as the cable station in that part of the broad Pacific for the British cable.

The officers of the Moana had an interesting story to tell of the departure of the Japanese reserve men from Honolulu while the Moana was in port. The reservists to the number of 200 fell in on the main street and with colors flying, bands playing and a spontaneous outburst of cheering, they came forward to testify their pride and joy at having received the summons of the Mikado to come away home and stop some bullets for him. Nearly all the Japanese on the islands have by this time obeyed the summons of their country and departed.

One of the passengers said that their departure was a serious matter for the various industries on the islands, as the Japanese had proved themselves ideal workmen. The Moana did not remain long at the outer wharf although she had upwards of 150 tons of cargo for Victoria, but as it was buried deep under a big consignment of sugar she took it on to Vancouver for transshipment, after loading her mails and Victoria passengers. One of the Victoria passengers was Mrs. George Nares, wife of an officer of H. M. S. Egeria. The passengers by the Moana were as follows:

Col. R. Holbuckle, T. M. Douglas Brown, H. J. Bass, E. B. Macfarlane, J. Young, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. George Nares, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Andrew Brown, Miss Mabel Phillips, Mr. Belling, Miss C. Smith, Miss K. M. Pearce, J. Hindson, wife and two children, T. Allison, Mr. Jenner, wife and two children, M. Hagen and wife, Geo. Williams and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weston, Mrs. A. Butler, Miss Butler, Mrs. Wilkinson, J. H. Swendell, Chas. Smart, W. T. McLaughlin, T. K. Bowden and wife, M. Cohen, Miss Strachan, Miss Dunn, Miss Williams, J. A. Dix, G. J. Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, J. McFarlane, S. P. Dixon and wife, Miss P. M. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Felson, J. W. Rice, Miss and Master Becker, S. A. Jones, Louis Hazlett, Leon Beyer. The Moana's cargo consisted of 1,200 bags of coke, 42 cases pineapples, 1,785 pieces hardwood lumber, 11 cases honey, 128 bales of hay, 18 cases jam, 5,118 bags sugar, 12 bags cement, 10 bags rice, 187 bales skins, 100 bales coconut oil, 650 bales green wool, 151 bales New Zealand flax and sundries.

DOG SALMON FOR JAPAN.

Big Consignment Going From British Columbia to the Orient.

Large quantities of salted dog salmon are arriving daily at the outer wharf from the Fraser river, for shipment in one big consignment to Japan about the end of the present month by one of the outgoing Blue Funnel liners. Yesterday the steamer Uman brought over as much of the salmon as she could carry. She was followed later by the steamer Belfast and the steamer Trader, each loaded with the commodity which is so highly esteemed by the Japanese.

A prominent Japanese gentleman who was asked what the Japanese wanted

Her officers state that she struck hard, and it is thought probable that the hole is a large one. The shock of the ship striking was sufficiently severe to throw several sailors who were on deck off their feet. It is considered fortunate by the officers of the vessel that she got out of the predicament with as little damage as she did.

The vessel is now at the Arlington dock. It was stated last night that she would be put in dry dock today. The hole is in No. 2 compartment. When the accident occurred the vessel was on her way to Sitka to repair the cable, which is broken thirty miles north of that port. She left Seattle Sunday morning.

The fact that the Burnside is now disabled and that the cable repairing will be delayed perhaps for a couple of weeks is a matter of deep regret to the signal office. The rate war that is now on between the Dominion Telegraph Company and the cable system renders it imperative that the cable be put in working order to Valdez as soon as possible.

At the signal office, however, but little if any blame attaches to Capt. O. H. Johansen, the navigating officer of the Burnside. From all accounts the disaster was unavoidable, and was brought about almost solely by weather conditions. At this season of the year, it is stated, the tide does not run with the tide tables, and after a series of gales the water banks up in Seymour narrows, which fact is not generally known save by officers who navigate the narrow regularly.

The rock upon which the Burnside struck is twelve feet under water. It is only noticeable by bubbles and eddies that form over it. According to the tide tables there should have been a slow current through the narrows on the morning of the 21st. Instead of this, the current was like a mill race, the signal officers about the government vessel state. The navigating officer of the ship went according to the tide tables and anticipating a slow current, went ahead at half speed. Under normal conditions the ship would have proceeded at full speed in order to have overcome the tides.

Capt. Z. S. Moore, for sixteen years master of some of the largest steamships that ply between this port and Alaska, said last night, as soon as he heard of the Burnside accident:

"I think that Capt. Johansen deserves great credit for getting the vessel off at all. There have been many bad wrecks in Seymour narrows, and no blame can be attached to anyone for going on the rocks there at this season of the year. Seven years ago a British gunboat, with a navigating officer who knew every foot of the narrows, struck the same rock as did the Burnside and sank with every soul aboard, and a dozen other ships have struck there. I would suggest that the rocks be dynamited. Knock off twelve feet of the top and navigation would then be safe. It is in English waters, but 90 per cent. of the shipping that goes through is American. Under these circumstances the two countries should get together and fix matters. At any rate you can put me on record as stating that Capt. Johansen deserves the credit for coming off that rock with just one puncture. It showed good seamanship."

From the foregoing report it would be gathered by all reporters who know these waters that the striking of the Burnside is as gross a piece of carelessness on the part of a navigating officer as has ever occurred in the history of North Pacific shipping. The tide at the time, 8 a. m., according to the United States tide tables, would be running a strong flood, dead ahead of the vessel every man can expect to get through at half speed, under these conditions. It is exceedingly hard to imagine. The tide turned at 4:50 a. m. from north to south at a rapid rate; probably about eight to nine knots an hour. All concerned should be heartily ashamed of themselves.

It is lucky for the Burnside that she had a double bottom; unlikely that such an incompetent navigator was in command, and that the vessel had knowledge of the Seymour narrows tides.

One ship only has been lost at Seymour narrows, and that was the United States war vessel Saranac, which struck the rocks and foundered, whilst in charge of Capt. George, pilot. Another United States war vessel, the Wachusett, struck this rock, but without damaging her keel, sustained no other injury. No lives were lost on either occasion. All hands escaped from the Saranac before she went down, scrambling the ship by means of a rope and buoy. She made fast to the rocks when Pilot George put the ship ashore after she struck.

No British gun vessel was ever lost or damaged on the rock, and that part of Capt. Z. S. Moore's yarn is absolutely false. Also his story about a dozen ships striking that rock. Three vessels in all are struck the rock since it became known to navigators, namely, the Saranac, the Wachusett, and the Alki. The first two were badly damaged, the third received injuries the extent of which are at present unknown, as she went on her way north.

THREE HUGE CARGOES.

Giant Freighters Leave Yesterday Bound for the Orient Fully Loaded.

With products of America amounting in the aggregate to close to fifty thousand tons, deadweight, the steamer Shawmut, Trenton and Decatur sailed forth from the Strait of Fuca yesterday headed for the ports of the Orient. The Shawmut and Trenton take between them nearly thirty thousand tons of assorted merchandise, and the Decatur has a full cargo, which means something like twelve thousand tons. The Decatur started on her voyage about eight hours after the two August steamers, but being a fourteen-day boat, she will not take long to gather them in and leave them far behind her. The departure of these vast steamers makes another link in the chain of cargo conveyors that are pouring goods of all kinds from this side of the Pacific into Asia. There is still in the wharf warehouses of Tacoma and Seattle an immense accumulation of merchandise, every conceivable sort awaiting transport to the Asiatic side.

ACCIDENT TO BURNSIDE.

Post-Intelligencer Victimized by Sea Captain Who Tells Its Stories.

Yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer contained the following account of the accident to the United States cable ship Burnside in Seymour Narrows, and the preposterous statements of Captain Z. S. Moore, who has succeeded in deceiving the Seattle paper with a vengeance. The report is as follows:

At quarter speed, with a jangled horn on her port side beneath the water line, the United States cableship Burnside steamed into port yesterday afternoon, in Seymour narrows, near Maud Island, at 2 o'clock on the morning of November 21st, the big vessel went under a rock, and had it not been for good seamanship and the fact that the compartment was punctured in a water-tight compartment the ship might have gone down, a total wreck.

The fact that the ship was steaming northward through the narrows at less than half speed and was caught in the strong current was the cause of the accident. The water runs as through a mill race in the channel, and the government vessel, proceeding slowly, was helpless when the current caught it and swung it around. Before complete control of the ship could be secured by the pilot, who was on the bridge, the Burnside had been dashed on the rock. She was gotten off without loss of time, but before the water-tight compartment had been punctured.

It is impossible to ascertain at this time the size of the hole in the ship.

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Increasing Floating Debt Affecting Well Known Company's Stock.

Oceanic Steamship Company bonds are again on the toboggan, says the San Francisco Examiner. Since last month they have slumped in value from 80c down to 55c, yesterday. There are \$2,400,000 of these bonds outstanding and they bear 5 per cent. interest. Their value is going down, because the floating debt of the company is constantly on the increase. This floating debt is about \$1,500,000 now, and represents advances made the company by its agents, John D. Spreckels Bros. & Co. These agents cannot fall back on stock assessments any more, the par value of the stock having been paid up with the last assessment of \$10 each, and one of \$7.50. The assessments in the aggregate raised about \$700,000 and went to pay off a lot of debts. But in spite of that fact, the floating debt has gone skyward again. The stock now ranges in value between \$2.75 and \$3.50 a share. There are 25,000 shares, and within less than three years they have gone down to practically nothing.

These same causes have dragged down the bonds. Three years ago they were at a premium, selling for \$107. When they began to drop in value, the company never stopped for any length of time, until the \$55 of Saturday was reached.

The original purchasers of the bonds bought them at par. So these people, for any reason, they are forced to sell their investment, would lose heavily. In case they can hold on to them, their interest seems very secure as long as there is a floating debt due the agents. Two agents cannot afford to allow the interest to go delinquent and permit a receivership for the bonds. The company is now the floating debt as representing advances to the company by the agents would be placed in peril.

How much longer the floating debt will continue to increase cannot be predicted. How soon and in what way it is to be decreased is another puzzling question. Stock and bondholders outside the charmed circle of the agents are told when they ask such questions:

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	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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Shawmut Lake	10:20	12:00	Duncan	4:20
Duncan	11:00	12:00	Duncan	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	12:00	Ladysmith	5:52
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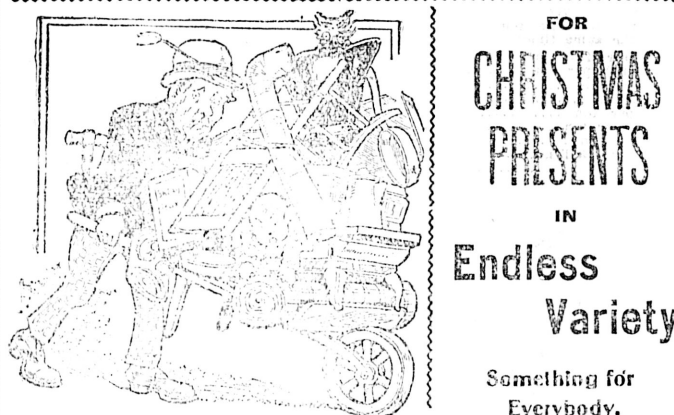
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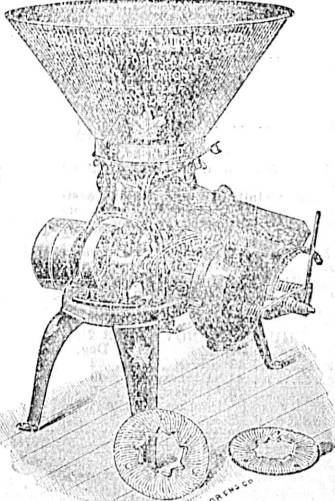


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